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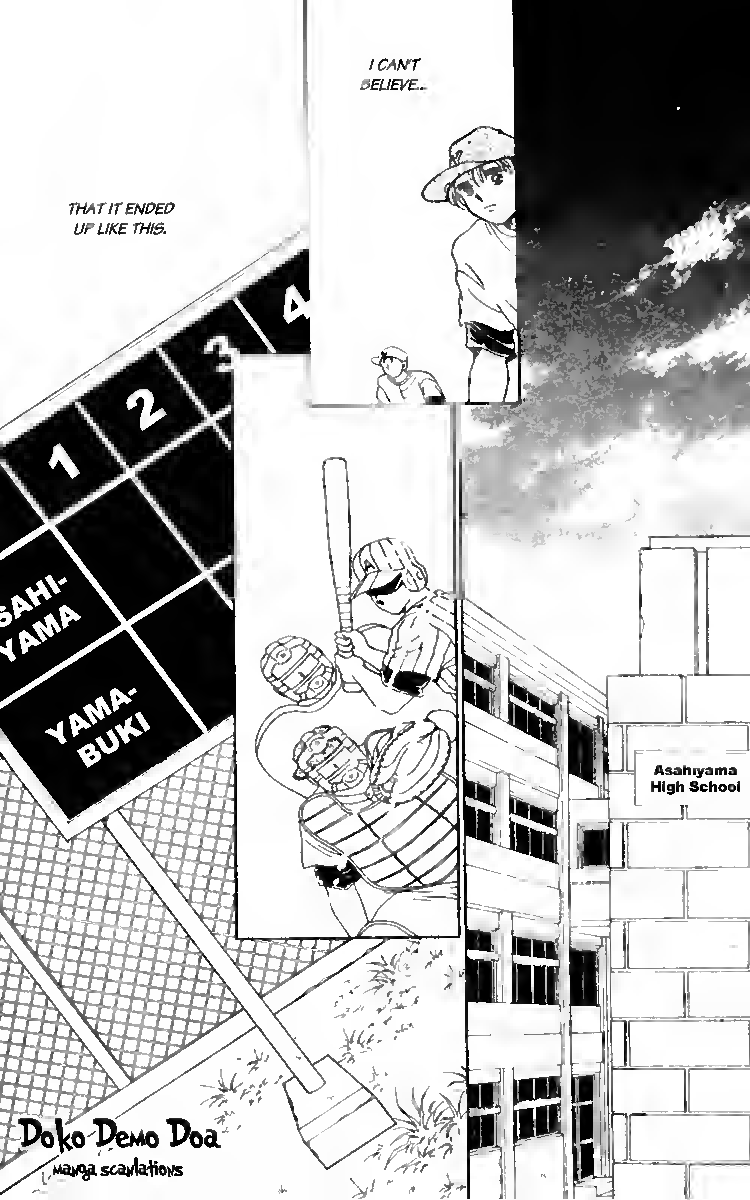

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PLEASE, MAMORU-SENPAI,
I CAN'T STAND PROPERLY, MY LEGS ARE SHIVERING..
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO PLAY IN THIS MATCH!
I DON'T CARE IF THE OPPONENT CAN HIT THE BALL, BUT...
DON'T LET THEM HIT THE BALL TOWARDS THE RIGHT FIELD!

HARUKA-CHAN!
MAMORU-SENPAI, YOU IDIOT!
I CAN'T MOVE AT ALL!
NO WAY!

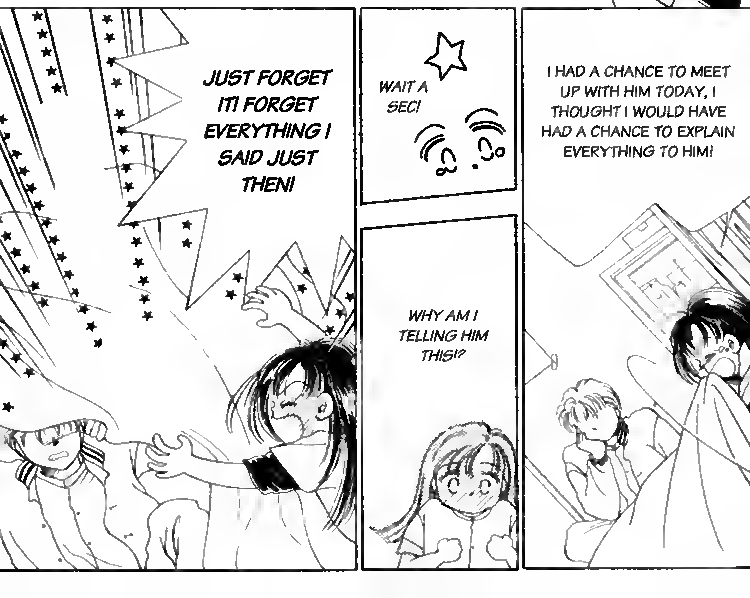
WHAT THE...?
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
I'M NOT SURE, BUT...

HOME RUN?!
HARUKA.
MIKI-KUN
JUST HIT A HOME RUN?
ACTUALLY, I WENT IN ORDER TO MEET YOU TODAY.
I... HAVE LIKED YOU ALL THIS TIME.

OPEN
MIKI-KUN..
HARUKA, I LIKE YOU TOO
WHERE AM I?
YO.
IN ASAHIYAMA'S MEDICAL ROOM.

DON'T WORRY, THE BALL DIDN'T HIT YOUR HEAD.
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT THE FIRST BALL TO GO STRAIGHT INTO THE RIGHT FIELD EITHER.
DOCTOR SAID THAT YOU'D FAINTED FROM ANEMIA BROUGHT ON BY EXTREME NERVOUSNESS
MEDICAL ROOM? THAT MEANS...
HERE.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SACRIFICED MY PRECIOUS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET UP WITH MIKI-KUN
THE MATCH WAS CANCELLED..
AFTER ONLY ONE HIT?!
IT WAS CANCELLED, OBVIOUSLY. IF THERE'S NO HARUKA-CHAN, WE'RE SHORT OF MEMBERS, REMEMBER? AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY SUBSTITUTES.
PUTTING THAT ASIDE, WHAT HAPPENED ABOUT THE MATCH?
WHY DID THIS DAY TURN OUT LIKE THIS?!
NO WAY!

TELL ME, HARUKA CHAN...
WHO'S THIS MIKI-KUN?
YOU WERE SAYING "MIKI-KUN, MIKI-KUN" IN YOUR SLEEP.
IS HE THE ONE WHO CAME TO OUR SCHOOL FOR THE PRACTICE MATCH?
BURST
YE...
YES.


JUST FORGET IT! FORGET EVERYTHING I SAID JUST THEN!
WAIT A SEC!
I HAD A CHANCE TO MEET UP WITH HIM TODAY, I THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING TO HIM!
WHY AM I TELLING HIM THIS!?

NO WAY!
BE-
SIDES...
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT! THANKS TO YOU, I HAVE TO BE A MANAGER, SOMETHING THAT I NEVER WANTED TO BE!
THE ONLY REASON I CAME TO THIS MATCH TODAY IS TO HELP US WIN, SO I COULD QUIT IMMEDIATELY!
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?
IF I'D KNOWN IT'D TURN OUT LIKE THIS, I WOULDN'T HAVE COME IN THE FIRST PLACE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT
I CRIED IN FRONT OF HIM ...

THIS GUY...
HE'S NOT THE RIGHT PERSON FOR ME TO TALK TO ABOUT ALL THIS!
I'M NOT CALM AT ALL.
YOU SEEMED TO HAVE CRIED IT ALL OUT, SO YOU SHOULD BE A LITTLE CALMER NOW.
JEEZ, YOU WOULDN'T GUESS THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY OLDER THAN ME, WOULD YOU?
LET ME WALK YOU HOME.
BUT, I EMBARRASSED MYSELF IN FRONT OF HIM...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
THANKS FOR WALKING ME HOME.
SEE YOU TOMORROW.
She just realized it now

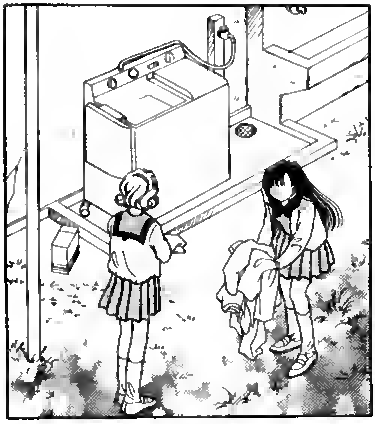
BYE BYE.
THANK YOU.
ONO-KUN
THE ONLY FERSON HERE WHO KNOWS THE TRUTH.
BUT,
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME..

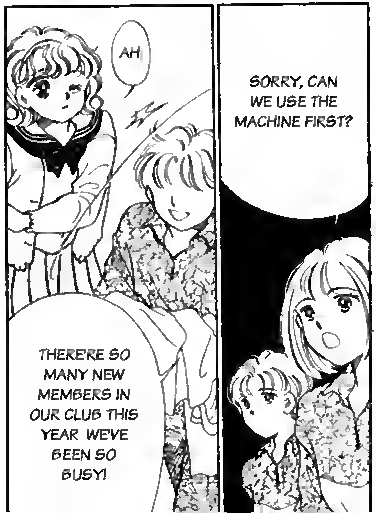
I POURED OUT MY FEELINGS IN FRONT OF A GUY.
HARUKA-CHAN.
HE'S YOUNGER THAN ME, BUT IT DOESN'T FEEL THAT WAY.
-A
ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M OKAY, IT WAS JUST ANEMIA.
YOU COLLAPSED ALL OF A SUDDEN YESTERDAY. I'VE BEEN REALLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
IT'S ALMOST LIKE HE'S THE OLDER ONE.

I WAS SURPRISED WHEN THE FIRST BALL WAS AIMED AT HARUKA-CHAN.
THANK GOODNESS IT DIDN'T HIT YOU.
COME TO THINK OF IT, I DO REMEMBER THE BALL FLYING TOWARDS ME.
IF ONO HADN'T CAUGHT THAT BALL, I'M SURE THAT HARUKA-CHAN WOULD BE BADLY INJURED AND WOULDN'T BE AT SCHOOL TODAY.
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THE BALL THAT CAME FLYING TOWARDS HARUKA-CHAN...
WAS CAUGHT BY ONO-KUN.
HE LOOKED SO COOL! I ALMOST FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM

MY GUESS IS THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO PROTECT YOU FROM THE START, WHICH IS WHY HE STOOD SO CLOSE TO THE RIGHT FIELD AREA.
IS THAT SO?
WHAT'S WITH HIM? HE DIDN'T TELL ME ABOUT THAT LAST NIGHT.
SHOULD I ACTUALLY GO IN? IT'S MY FAULT YESTERDAY'S MATCH WAS CANCELLED.
BASE BALL CLUB

LET'S START OUR PRACTICE.
BASE-BALL CLUB
EH?
SORRY, ARE YOU OKAY?
WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
YE... YES.
HARUKA-CHAN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? YOU'RE SHOULD BE AT HOME RESTING.
THAT WAS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO APOLOGIZE TO THEM
WHY ARE THEY BEING SO NICE TO ME?
SEE YA! WE'RE GONNA RUN NOW.
YOU DON'T NEED TO COME TO PRACTICE TODAY.





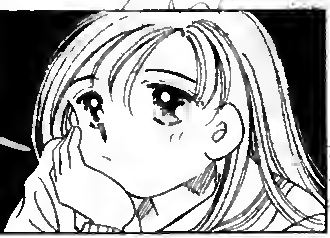
SORRY.

I CAN'T TELL YOU THE TRUTH...

HARUKA-CHAN, THEY'RE THE MANAGERS OF THE ATHLETIC CLUB.
AND THEY ARE ALWAYS MEAN TO ME.
IT DOESN'T MATTER, DOES IT?
BESIDES, THE BASEBALL CLUB HAS NEVER HAD A SERIOUS PRACTICE.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
ON THE OTHER HAND, OUR ATHLETIC CLUB HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE JAPANESE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.
AS THE MANAGERS OF THAT TEAM, WE'RE ALSO BUSY. WE HAVE A LOT OF DUTIES.
AND THEY'VE NEVER WON A MATCH, AP-PARENTLY.
HM.
WAIT A SEC! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
WHAT..

SINCE WHEN DID WINNING A COMPETITION MEAN YOU GET PRIORITY WHEN YOU WANT TO USE THE WASHING MACHINE?! WE WERE HERE FIRST, SO DON'T YOU DARE TRY TO CUT IN FRONT OF US!

I HATE ARROGANT PEOPLE LIKE THAT!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT SOME COMPETITION OR WHATEVER...
Haruka-chan is my second favorite person in the world after Mamoru-senpai!



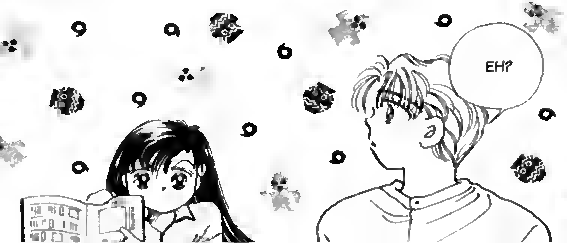
BESIDES, MAMORU-SENPAI IS ALSO A PROBLEM.
HE'S NOT CUT OUT TO BE A PITCHER.
HM.
I DON'T THINK WE'LL EVER WIN A MATCH IF I'M THEIR RIGHT FIELDER.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HARUKA-CHAN?
SOB SOB
DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT MAMORU-SENPAI EVER AGAIN!
HARUKA-CHAN IS SO MEAN!
AH... I'M SORRY.
I KNOW THAT MAMORU-SENPAI ISN'T ALL THAT GOOD, BUT HE'S DOING HIS BEST!

I WAS SO HAPPY WHEN HARUKA-CHAN BECAME A CLUB MANAGER TOO
I DON'T WANT HARUKA-CHAN TO QUIT...
YOU REALLY WANT TO WIN BADLY, DON'T YOU?
AND AFTER WINNING A MATCH, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO QUIT!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO INSULT HIM.
I JUST WANT TO THINK OF A WAY FOR THIS TEAM TO WIN AT LEAST ONE MATCH!
SHE'S LOOKING AT ME SO EARNESTLY...

WHEN SHE LOOKED AT ME WITH THOSE EYES,
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...
BASE BALL CLUB
I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS MAGAZINE BEFORE.
IT'S QUITE OLD. WELL, FROM A YEAR AGO.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I CLEAR UP THIS MESS, THE NEXT DAY IT LOOKS THE SAME AGAIN
JEEZ, THESE GUYS...
CLATTER
CLATTER

THIS IS ..
THE JUNIOR HIGH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
THE FASTEST PITCHER EVER!
KENTA ONO
ONO-KUN?

WHO ARE YOU, SERIOUSLY?


EH?

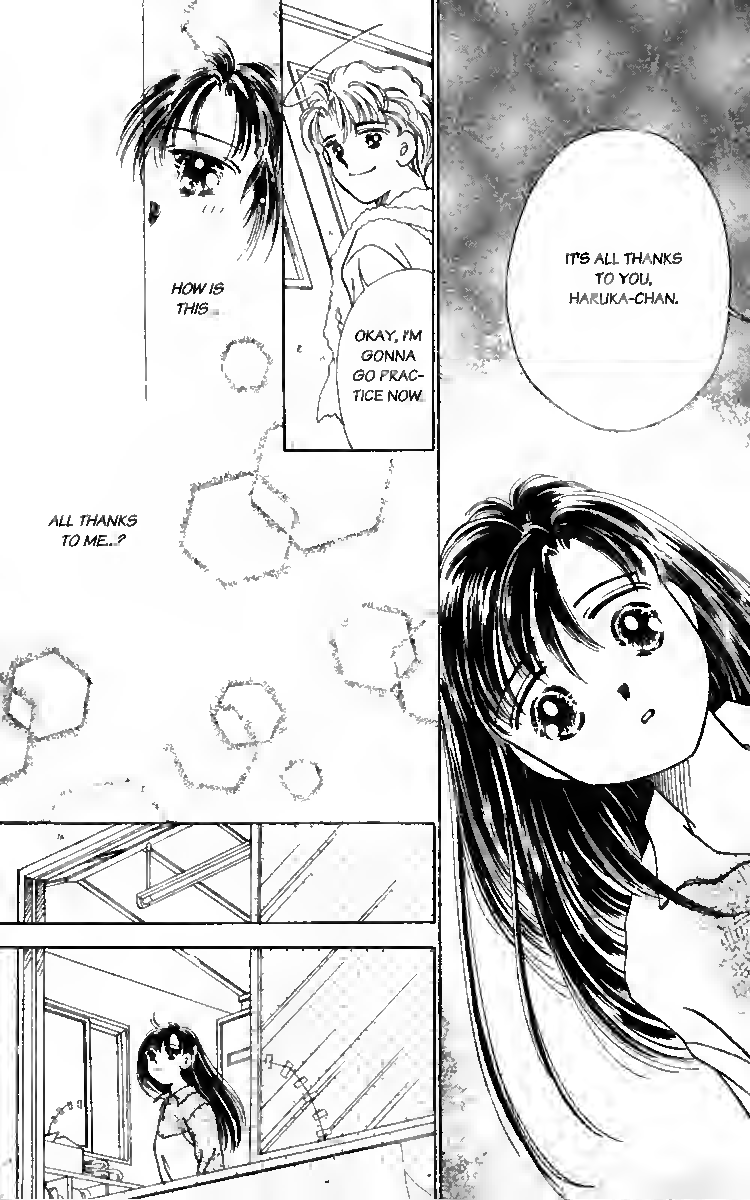
I FORGOT MY TOWEL.
ONO-KUN.

THAT'S NOT THE ANSWER I WANTED TO HEAR!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU WE DECIDED THE POSITION BY A LOTTERY, REMEMBER?
THAT MAGAZINE IS OLD, RIGHT?
I DON'T MIND BEING CENTER FIELDER. I LIKE THIS TEAM AFTER ALL.
SO HOW COME YOU'RE CENTER FIELDER IN THIS CLUB?!
THIS MAGAZINE SAID THAT YOU WERE THE FASTEST PITCHER EVER.
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT!
ONCE UPON A TIME,
THERE WAS A LITTLE BOY WHO LOVED TO PLAY BASEBALL.
HM,
IN THAT CASE...

HE SPENT ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PLAYING THE GAME HE LOVED THE MOST,
BUT WHEN HE ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL,
HIS FRIENDS FROM HIS OLD TEAM BECAME HIS RIVALS.
AND THAT BOY STARTED TO HATE PLAYING BASEBALL FOR THAT REASON,
BECAUSE THAT BOY...
JUST WANTED TO PLAY BASE-BALL...
MORE THAN HE WANTED TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL PLAYER.

THE END
DO YOU UNDER-STAND NOW?
NO!
BECAUSE YOUR FRIENDS MIGHT HAVE BECOME PROFES-SIONAL HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS BY NOW
THEY'VE LEFT YOU BEHIND! HOW COME YOU DON'T CARE?
THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO PLAY AIMING TO REACH KOSHIEN OR TO BECOME PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS.
BUT THERE'LL BE PEOPLE LIKE ME TOO.
BUT...

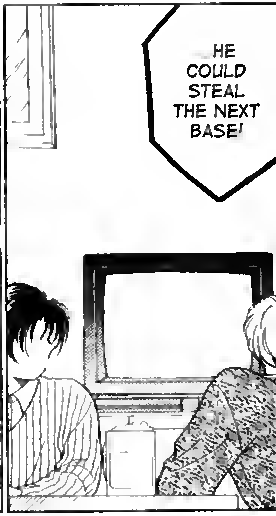
EVER SINCE I MET HARUKA-CHAN,
I STARTED TO DOUBT MY OPINION.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT'S TRUE THAT...
WHEN WE DECIDED TO DO THIS, WE'D HAVE TO WIN AT THE END, RIGHT?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, BUT..
I WANT TO FEEL THE HAPPINESS THAT COMES WHEN YOU WIN A MATCH AGAIN TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE.

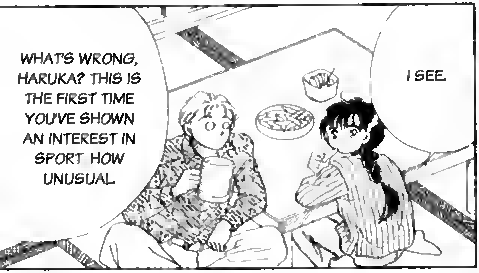

IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, HARUKA-CHAN.
OKAY, I'M GONNA GO PRAC-TICE NOW.
HOW IS THIS...
ALL THANKS TO ME..?

WHEN I FAILED, I FELT LIKE I WAS ALL ALONE IN THE WORLD.
THAT WAS THE ONLY THING OCCUPYING MY MIND
WHY IS HE SMILING THAT WAY?
AND I JUST WANT TO GRADUATE AS SOON AS I CAN, BUT,

IT MAKES ME FEEL ..

LIKE I'M RUSHING MYSELF.





HOW COME I CAN ONLY THINK OF BASEBALL NOW?

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, BUT...
I WANT TO FEEL THE HAPPINESS THAT COMES WHEN YOU WIN A MATCH AGAIN. TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE.
YAMABU
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?!
WAIT A MINUTE!

WHY ARE THE PEOPLE FROM ATHLETIC CLUB..
USING OUR BASEBALL FIELD?!
A NEW BUILDING IS BEING CONSTRUCTED NEAR WHERE THEY USUALLY PRACTICE,
SO THEY CAN'T USE IT FOR THE TIME BEING.
THEY ASKED US TO LET THEM BORROW OUR FIELD UNTIL THE CONSTRUCTION IS DONE.
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! BORROWING OUR FIELD IS ONE THING, BUT VANDALIZING IT BY DRAWING OVER THE WHITE LINES OVER AND PUT THEIR STUFF IN INSTEAD IS ANOTHER!
BUT..
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. THEIR TEAM IS REALLY STRONG AND WE WANT THEM TO WIN THEIR NEXT TOURNAMENT TOO.
SPORTSMEN HAVE TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER, RIGHT?
WHY ARE YOU ALL SO NICE?!
IF THIS CONTINUES, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO PRACTICE ANYMORE!
THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW MUCH GENEROSITY THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPECT FROM US!

PROBLEM SOLVED. WE'RE GOING TO USE THE OTHER HALF OF THE FIELD.
GO PRACTICE NOW!
I'LL GO TALK TO THEM!
AWESOME!
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
HEY!
THAT GUY'S TOJO, THE MOST TALENTED ATHLETE IN THE ATHLETIC CLUB
LOOK, HARUKA-CHAN.

AND POPULAR WITH THE LADIES.
APPARENTLY HE'S A COMPLETE PLAYBOY.
I'VE DECIDED.
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT HIM?
ALL HE CAN DO IS RUN, RIGHT?
BUT,
WE COULD DO WITH A FAIR OF FAST LEGS ON OUR TEAM.
I'LL ASK HIM TO JOIN THE BASE-BALL CLUB.